In re Appln. of NAKASHIMA et al. Application No. 10/070,354

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that original claim 1 is not vague if read in light of the specification, e.g., at page 6, line 25 to page 8, line 24 as well as Fig. 2. Nevertheless, claims 1-2 have been amended to expedite the prosecution of the application by further sharpening the claim language. The amended claims are fully supported by the original claims, the specification, and Fig. 2. No new mater has been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are not vague to those skilled in the art. The claimed invention is described in such a manner as to enable those of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention. In view of the foregoing, the § 112, first and second paragraphs, rejections should be withdrawn.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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